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Subject: Re: Scarce Items and the Coming Demise of Ebay "Hobby" Selling.
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From: Bob Kemp <bkemp@bobkemp.com>
Subject: Re: Scarce Items and the Coming Demise of Ebay "Hobby" Selling.
To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 9:09 PM

There's a BIG difference is shipping costs between a UPS store, Post Net and the like and just setting up an account on your own for Fed Ex or UPS.
(Quite substantial as I found out)
Parcel Post is pretty good for your surrounding area (say 4-5 states) or within the state you live in(I've found anyway).
Otherwise it's one of the other carriers like UPS or Fed Ex, but again, set up an account and you might be surprised at the difference in cost.
Bob
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----- Original Message -----
From: <spr@earthlink.net>
To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 7:58 PM
Subject: Re: Scarce Items and the Coming Demise of Ebay "Hobby" Selling.

> Hi David,
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> Well, although I enjoy being in Europe and quite like it, for this purpose
> be glad you're not there, and here's why:
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> No-one that I have bought anything from there will even consider any
> shipment method but their postal service. UPS, FedEx DHL--who's that!?
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> And now comes the worst part: the European post offices seem to have
> agreed on a maximum size package, and it's too small for, say, a double

> boxed and well padded large wood table radio or SX-42. In several cases
> where I got stuff with next to no padding, I expect what happened is that
> the seller got to the post office and they refused the box due to size, so
> (s)he just shipped the inner, nearly un-padded box.
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> At least Americans have some notion of multiple shipping methods.
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> As to the demise of the eBay collectibles market, I expect this will be
> more due to the demise of us, those who value these things than to
> shipping hassles and cost.
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> Regards,
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> Scott
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> -----Original Message-----
>>From: David Stinson <arc5@ix.netcom.com>
>>Sent: Mar 9, 2010 8:46 PM
>>To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
>>Subject: Scarce Items and the Coming Demise of Ebay "Hobby" Selling.
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>>Ebay has made many scarce and even rare items available
>>to collectors and has saved thousands of pieces from the dumpster.
>>However- those days may soon end.
>>Shipping restrictions are becoming prohibitive
>>and costs are climbing quickly. I recently sent an ARC-5
>>transmitter to a gentleman in the next state. The Post Office
>>demanded nearly $40 to ship it, and that price is going to go up.
>>People already bid less or not at all because
>>shipping has become a major part of the expense of collecting.
>>There are many modest-sized items
>>I can't ship internationally due to stricter box size
>>and weight restrictions.
>>And the no-explanation discontinuance of "surface mail"
>>as an option has also damaged the hobby
>>collecting of our friends overseas.
>>"Hamfests" are no answer. They are few and far,
>>and as we all age we will be less willing (or able)
>>to participate. Moreover, a hamfest is a severely
>>limited, local market. I can go to every hamfest in Texas
>>for the rest of my life and I will never see that RAV
>>receiver someone's kids in New Jersey threw into the dump
>>because they couldn't market it.
>>What to do in a world where shipping an ARC-5
>>a lousy 300 miles costs $40?
>>Your thoughts?

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No, Dooms Day is not at hand except for us old farts. Ya just gotta roll with the punches - which ain't hard to do if sitting in a rocking chair. Packing and shipping stuff is a pain in too many organs and I suspect is the real cause of all the griping. If you think things are expensive now wait until you need your medical insurance to kick in while hooked up to tubes and wires. As the US economy continues downward in order to be "competitive" with the rest of the globe human population continues to overflow into the streets. How ya gonna fix that? Buy condom shares? Not with the Viagra lobby around. Leave the poor dears at the post office counters be, no one there is getting rich. The idiots we let get into Congress because of our own ignorance and laziness will continue to destroy the country so just stay in the rocking chair. The ride is going to get rougher.

Arden Allen
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Adopt a shelter dog,
save an innocent life,
and make a friend forever =:-)

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